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CONCLUDED UPON AT A GENERAL MEETING

OF THE SUBSCRIBERS,

ON THE SECOND OF NOVEMBER,

1798.

THE persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, having agreed to associate together in establishing a LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOM in LIVERPOOL, in a building suitable for that purpose, and called the ATHENÆUM; and having contributed TEN GUINEAS each towards the erection of such building, and agreed further to contribute the sum of TWO GUINEAS each annually (the first pay-

ment of such annual subscription having commenced the first of *July*, 1798,) for the support and carrying on of such institution; DO HEREBY assent and agree to the following RULES AND REGULATIONS, as declaratory of their intentions in the establishment of THIS INSTITUTION, and as the TRUSTS AND PURPOSES upon which the property shall be settled and conveyed.

I. The land and buildings shall be invested in TEN TRUSTEES, to be named by the subscribers at large, who shall stand possessed thereof for the purposes in these rules and regulations contained; and as often as the number shall be reduced to three by death, or resignation, or by residing upwards of ten miles from Liverpool, the surviving trustees shall convey over to as many more new trustees, to be named as aforesaid, as with such surviving trustees shall make up ten in number; and so from time to time

as often as occasion may require.—The following gentlemen are appointed TRUSTEES for this purpose, *viz.*

George Case,	*John Rutter,* M. D.
William Roscoe,	*William Lawson,*
Pudsey Dawson,	*James Currie,* M. D.
Thos. John Parke,	*William Clarke,*
Rev. S. Renshaw, M. A.	*Samuel Staniforth.*

II. All proprietors having subscribed their names to these regulations, shall have an equal right and power in this institution; and any subscriber may transfer the whole, but not any part of his right and interest in the institution, according to the form to be prescribed in the deed of trust, to any person who will assent to and subscribe these laws.

III. The first annual subscription having become due on the first day of *July*, 1798, the subsequent payments shall be

made on the first day of *July* in each successive year; and if any subscriber neglect to pay his subscription for a longer period than three months after the same may become due, having been reminded by the proper officer, he shall be deprived of the use of the Library and News-Room until the same be discharged; and if he neglect to pay up his arrears for two years, due notice having been given him thereof, he shall forfeit his share and interest in the institution.

IV. An annual meeting of the subscribers shall be held on the first *Tuesday* in *July*, of which *seven* days notice at least shall be given in the Liverpool news-papers, and a notice sent to each subscriber. At this meeting all new laws shall be made for the government of the institution; nor shall any motion be made for the repeal of an established law at any other meeting. All

questions that may come before this meeting shall be determined by a majority of the subscribers present. But no alteration shall be made in the number of proprietors, in the amount of the annual subscription, or in the appropriation of the same to the different objects of the institution, without the consent of three-fourths of the subscribers present, after fourteen days public notice in the Liverpool news-papers, previous to the annual meeting, of such intended alteration: And no subscriber shall vote by proxy on any question, nor be entitled to more than one vote, whatever number of shares he may hold.

V. The income shall be appropriated as follows, *viz.* After the necessary expenses of the institution are paid, a sum, not exceeding one third of the neat income, shall be laid out in the purchase of News-Papers, Reviews, Magazines, Pamphlets, and other

periodical works; of the then remainder of the annual income, a part, not exceeding one third of such remainder, may be applied to the purchase of books in the foreign or learned languages; and the balance shall be expended in purchasing books in our own language.

VI. The institution shall be under the direction of a Committee of *twenty-one* members, chosen from the subscribers at large; any s*even* of whom may act. *Seven* of the number shall go out by lot on the first day of *July* 1799, and *seven* new committee-men be appointed at the annual meeting of the subscribers. At the end of the second year, *seven* of the *fourteen* former members shall go out in like manner, and *seven* new committee-men be chosen. And afterwards the remaining *seven* of the committee shall go out by rotation, after having served *three* years, and *seven* new

committee-men shall be annually appointed; but no subscriber, who has served this office, shall be eligible again for one year to come.

VII. The Committee shall meet at the committee-room on the first *Tuesday* after the annual meeting, when they shall elect from amongst themselves a President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary: And their future meetings shall be held on the first *Tuesday* of every succeeding month, to transact the business of the institution.

VIII. If any subscriber, who may have been appointed a member of the Committee, should refuse to serve this office, he must signify his dissent before the second meeting of the Committee; in which case the Committee shall elect another subscriber in his place: And if any committee-man should die, or remove to a greater distance from Liverpool than eight miles, or,

being in town, should absent himself from the Committee three several meetings successively, without alledging an excuse which may appear satisfactory, his place shall be supplied by another subscriber to be chosen by the Committee.

IX. If any case should arise, not provided for by the laws in being, the Committee may make an order, which shall continue, and have the force of a law, until the next annual meeting, when it shall be brought forwards, and either be confirmed or rejected.

X. The Committee shall determine, from time to time, what books, maps, pamphlets, news-papers and periodical works, shall be admitted into the Library and News-room; their decisions being regulated by the law for the appropriation of the annual income; but every subscriber may propose any book

that he may think proper, by entering its title in a book to be always kept in the Library for that purpose.

XI. The President may appoint an extraordinary meeting of the Committee whenever he may think it necessary: And the President, Vice-President and Treasurer, together with four of the Committee, shall have the power of calling an extraordinary general meeting of the subscribers, whenever the interests of the institution may seem to them to require it.

XII. All the money arising from admissions, subscriptions, forfeitures, or benefactions of persons willing to encourage this institution, shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer, whose accounts shall be audited by the President and Vice-President; or in their absence, by any two members of the Committee, to be appointed by them, a

few days previous to the annual meeting; when he shall be required to lay before the subscribers a regular account of the state of the institution to that time.

XIII. The President and Committee shall fix what books shall be permitted to circulate, the time to be allowed for reading them, and the forfeitures for their detention beyond the period allotted: and they shall also have the power of imposing suitable fines on all who may damage or deface the books, provided that such fines never exceed the value of the books so damaged.

XIV. Duplicates shall be provided of all such books as may be allowed to circulate amongst the subscribers, one of which duplicates shall remain constantly in the Library; in order that any subscriber may be certain at all times of finding any book,

which he may have occasion to read, or refer to.

XV. All books which may be presented or bequeathed to the Library, shall be deposited there for the use of the subscribers, and shall not be allowed to be taken out on ny account.

XVI. No inhabitant of Liverpool or its vicinity, who is not a proprietor of a share in the building and property, shall be allowed to have access to the News-room or Library; but every subscriber shall have the liberty of introducing with him into the Library or News-room, any stranger or strangers, not residing within eight miles of Liverpool, who may have the use of the books and papers: but such strangers shall not, in consequence thereof have the privilege of returning again without the personal

introduction of the same or of some other subscriber.

XVII. The room adjoining the Library shall be fitted up for the reception of such specimens in Natural History as may be presented to the institution: but no part of the annual subscription shall be expended in the purchase of such articles.

XVIII. The News-room and Library shall be open every day, from seven o'clock in the morning till ten at night, except at such times as the Committee shall think it necessary to shut them for the purpose of cleaning them.

XIX. All pamphlets shall be laid upon the table of the News-room for the perusal of the subscribers: nor shall any pamphlet be removed from the news-room till after

the expiration of six months from the time of its admission, when it shall be bound, together also with such news-papers as the Committee may determine to have bound, and placed in the Library. No review or magazine shall be removed from the News-room, until a volume is compleated, when they shall be bound, and placed in the Library: And no book, pamphlet, review, magazine, or news-paper, shall be taken off the premises.

XX. If any book be lost, the subscriber to whom the same was last delivered, shall immediately replace it with a new one of the same edition, or pay as much to the Librarian as will replace the same; and if the book lost be a part of a set, he shall take the remaining volumes, and purchase or pay for a new set for the Library; and if he refuse to submit to these penalties, he shall forfeit his property in the institution.

XXI. The Librarian, and such servants as may be found necessary, shall be appointed by, and be under the direction of the Committee, and be removeable at their discretion: the Committee shall also regulate their salaries or wages.

XXII. These laws, together with a list of the subscribers, shall be printed at the expence of the institution; and a copy of them shall be delivered to every subscriber on the opening of the Library.

XXIII. No person shall have any right, interest, or property whatever in this institution, who does not submit to these laws and regulations, and to such other laws and regulations as may be made by the subscribers at large, in such manner as is herein before mentioned.

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LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Jauuary, 29th. 1799.

Alcock, Samuel
Alison, Richard, Jun.
Allen, Daniel
Anderson, Rev. Hugh
Anderson, William
Armstrong, Francis
Ashton, Nicholas
Ashton, Thomas
Assheton, Thomas Nelson
Aspinall, James
Aspinall, John Bridge
Aspinall, William
Astley, James
Atherton, Edward
Atherton, John Joseph

Backhouse, John, Jun.
Bailey, Robert
Bailey, Thomas
Bainbridge, George
Barry, Joseph
Beckwith, Thomas, Jun.
Beckwith, William
Bekenn, Gabriel
Benson, Ralph
Billinge, Thomas
Birch, Joseph
Blundell, Jonathan, Jun.
Blundell, Rev. William
Booth, George
Booth, Thomas
Bostock, John, M. D.
Bourne, John
Bourne, T.
Bowdon, Benjamin
Brancker, John
Brancker, Peter Whitfield
Brandreth, James

Brennand, John
Bridge, James
Brooks, Joseph
Brooks, Rev. Jonathan
Brooks, Joseph, Jun.
Brooks, Edward
Bromfield, Benjamin
Browne, George
Brown, Henry
Brown, James
Brown, Samuel
Bullin, Christopher
Buddicom, Robert
Burrow, Anthony
Burrow, Isaac
Busch, Henry, v. d.
Byrne, Edward, Jun.
Byrom, Henry

Calcott, William Jones
Carson, Alexander
Carson, John
Carus, Roger
Case, George
Case, John Ashton
Case, Thomas
Caton, Joseph, Jun.
Clark, John, Banker
Clarke, William
Clarke, John
Clarke, Henry
Christian, Thomas
Clay, Henry
Clegg, Samuel
Clemens, Thomas Crowder
Clough, Samuel
Coates, A.
Cobham, Elijah
Cockerell, William
Coltman, George
Comber, Andrew
Comber, Duncombe
Corrie, Thomas
Cragg, John
Crane, Joseph
Crosbie, James, Jun.
Crosbie, William
Crosbie, William, Jun.
Cukitt, John
Cullen, Michael
Cumming, James
Currie, Jas. M. D. F. R. S.

Daggers, John
Dagnall, Thomas
Dale, Roger, V.
Davies, William
Dawson, Pudsey
Dawson, Pudsey, Jun.
Dawson, Richard
Deane, William
Deare, Joseph
Delap, Robert
Denison, Thomas Ward
Derussat, John
Devaynes, Benjamin
Dickson, Edward
Dickson, James
Dickson, William, Jun.
Digby, William
Diggles, Robert
Dixon, Henry
Dobson, William
Downward, Richard
Downward, Thomas
Dunbar, George
Duncan, William
Dutton, Samuel

Earle, Thomas
Earle, William
Earle, Willis
Eden, John, Jun.
Ewart, William
Eyes, Charles

Falkner, Edward
Farrall, William
Fawcett, William
Felton, George
Fletcher, Caleb
Fletcher, Jacob, Jun.
Fletcher, John
Fletcher, Joseph, Jun.
Fletcher, Thomas
Flounders, William
Focke, Charles
Forbes, William
Formby, Rev. Richard
Forrest, Alexander
Forshaw, Richard
Foster, John, Jun.
Freme, John Rowden
French, William

Garbers, J. C. H.
Geller, John, G.
Gerrard, James, M. D.
Gibb, William
Gilchrist, Ebenezer
Gill, James
Gladstone, John
Gladstone, Robert
Goldie, Joseph
Golightly, Thomas
Golightly, Richard
Gore, John
Goring, George
Goring, Joshua
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Graham, William
Grayson, Edward Philip
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Green, Thomas
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Gregson, William, Jun.

Hadkinson, William
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Hannay, James
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Harding, Capt. William
Harrison, Thomas
Harvey, Enoch
Hay, Joseph
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Henderson, Gilbert
Henderson, John
Heywood, Arthur
Heywood, Benjamin Arthur
Heywood, Richard
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Hinde, Thomas
Hinde, William
Hippius, Frederick
Hodgkinson, J.
Hodgson, Thomas
Holt, John
Hornby, James
Hoskins, Alexander
Hoskins, George
Houlbrooke, Theophilus

Howard, John Clarke
Hughan, Alexander
Hughes, William
Humble, Michael
Hurry, John

Jackson, Robert
Johnson, George
Johnson, John
Johnson, Robert
Jones, Charles
Jones, William
Joseph, Abraham
Joseph, Elias
Joseph, Samuel

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Kirkpatrick, Robert

Lace, Joshua
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Lavater, John Charles
Lawson, William
Leay, William
Leicester, Peter
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Leigh, Roger
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Lightbody, John, Jun.
Litt, William Peat
Lomax, James
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Lyon, John, M. D

M'Cartney, John, M. D.
M'Corquodale, Hugh
M'Creery, John
Maher, Matthias
Makin, Robert
Manesty, John
Manesty, William
Marshall, Thomas, Jun.
Marwade, Christopher
Matthews, William
Maury, James
Mawdsley, Barton

Middleton, William
Midgley, Henry
Midgley, Thomas
Migault, John Gabriel
Milburne, William
Miller, William
M'Iver, Peter
Molyneux, Edward
Molyneux, Thomas
Montgomery, John
Moore, Thomas
Morland, Thomas
Moss, Thomas
Moss, John
Mozley, Morris Lewin
M'Vicar, Duncan

Naylor, Thomas
Neilson, William
Nelson, Jacob
Nicholls, William
Norris, Henry
Norris, Robert
North, Ford
North, John. Jun

Okill, Charles
Okill, John
Orred, George

Parke, Thomas John
Parr, James
Parr, Thomas
Parry, John
Penny, James
Penny, James, jun.
Percival, James

Ratcliffe, Jonathan
Rathbone, William
Rawlins, Joseph
Renshaw, Rev. Samuel
Renwick, Thomas, M. D.
Ribton, John
Richardson, Michael
Richardson, Robert
Rigby, William
Rigg, William
Rodie, Thomas
Rogers, Edward
Rogers, Henry
Roscoe, William

Roscoe, William, S.
Roughsedge, Waring
Ross, Henry
Rowe, George
Rowe, William
Rutson, William Calton
Rutter, John, M D.
Ryan, Thomas

Sause, John
Seddon, James
Shaw, John
Shepherd, Rev. William
Sinclair, Alexander, jun.
Skelhorne, John
Skelhorne, William
Smith, Bryan
Smith, John
Sowerby, J. W.
Staniforth, Thomas
Staniforth, Samuel
Stanistreet, William
Stanton, John
Steers, Spencer
Steuart, Adam
Sutton, James
Sutton, William
Swinton, William
Sydebotham, Charles

Tait, William Watson
Tate, Thomas Moss
Tatham, Richard Trotter
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Taylor, John
Taylor, Michael
Taylor, Thomas
Thomas, Benjamin
Thomas, John
Thompson, William
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Trench, Francis
Twemlow, Thomas

Vernon, Thomas
Vose, John
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Wagner, John Michael
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Ward, William
Warwick, Anthony
Watson, John
Went, Samuel
Weston, John
Whitby, John
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Wilckens, Henry
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